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For : EXPANDABLE STYRENE-MODIFIED OLEFIN RESIN PARTICLE, PRE-  
EXPANDED PARTICLE, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MOLDED FOAM

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir :

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on August 22, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record in view of the following remarks and concurrent submission of a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on July 6, 2010, this response is timely filed and Applicants believe a Request for Extension of Time is not necessary. However, if an Extension of Time is deemed necessary the same is hereby requested, and if any additional fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

A **Listing of Claims** for the convenience of the Examiner (no claims are amended) begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.